Telephone connection ssanctioned under Janakpuri Exchange, Delhi

871. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN : Will the Min'ster of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of new telephone connections sanctioned in March, 1993 under Janakpuri Exchange, the number out of them energised during March, 1993 and those energised during Apr'l, 1993;

(b) what is the number of connections which remained non-functional for more than three days after being energised, the reasons therefor and the relief proposed to be afforded to the subscribers due to non-functioning or malfunct'oning of their telephone; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the telephones remained non-functional or malfunctioned and the remedial steps taken to avoid their recurrence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram) : (a) to (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections in Delhi

872. CHOUDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received in General category for telephone connect'ons in Delhi;

(b) the number of persons on the waiting list as on 1-1-93;

(c) what is the target year fixed to provide telephone connection to such persons during the year 1993; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to clear the backlog at an early date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram) : (a) Sir, the total number of applications received in general category for telephone connection in Delhi during the years 1991 and 1992 are 93414 and 121240 respectively.

(b) The number of persons on the waiting list as on 1-1-93 is 379035.

(c) and (d) Tentative plans are made to provide telephones in general category within two years and OYT|special category within six months by March, 1995.

This is however subject to timely availability of equipment, materials and financial resources.

देश में एस.टी.डी./पी.सी.ओ. लगाने का निर्धारित लक्ष्य

873. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी. सोलंकी :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में एस.टी.डी./पी.सी.ओ. लगाने का राज्य-वार निर्धारित लक्ष्य क्या था;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि एस.टी.डी./पी.सी.ओ. लगाने के इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त नहीं किया गया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों तथा शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्तियों को आज तक आवंटित एस.टी.डी./पी.सी.ओ. का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (**श्री सुखराम**)

(क) 1992-93 में एस.टी.डी./पी.सी.ओ की संस्थापना संबंधी सर्किलवार निर्धारित लक्ष्य के ब्यौरे अनुपत्र में दिए गए हैं। (देखिए परिशिष्ट 167, अनुपत्र संख्या 10)

(ख) कुल लक्ष्य का केवल 10 प्रतिशत पूरा नहीं किया जा सका। 20000 एस.टी.डी./पी.सी.ओ. के लक्ष्य का 90 प्रतिशत पूरा किया जा चुका है।

(ग) कुछ सर्किलों में पर्याप्त आवेदन प्राप्त न होने और अन्य मामलों में तकनीकी व्यवहार्यता न होने या आवेदकों की ओर से विभागीय औपचारिकताएं पूरी करने में विलम्ब के कारण लक्ष्य पूरे नहीं किए जा सके।

(घ) सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन अनुसूचित जाति/अनु. जनजाति तथा शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग उन सभी को उदारतापूर्वक अलाट किए जाते हैं जो स्वैच्छा से इनका संचालन करने के लिए तैयार हों। अतः श्रेणीवार आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते ।

Operation of Long-Distance calls a by Foreign Companies

874. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to hand over the operation of long distance calls to foreign companies on an experimental basis;

(b) if so, whether any offer has been made by French Government for participation to cater to the special requirement of business community in the country;

(c) wheher the World Bank recommended the entry of foreign firms in telecom sector to improve the existing services;

(d) if so, what are the proposals under consideration to bring down the rates of long distance calls both in the STD segment and trunk call segment; and

(e) what are the details of the steps taken to reduce the charges of long distance calls ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

(e) There are no specific steps taken to reduce the charges of long distance calls, but steps are taken to modernise and increase in reliability of the network.

Privatisation of Indian Telephone Industries

875. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has, recently, suggested some reform in the Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) and the Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) particularly pressing their privatisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (Shri Sukh Ram) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In respect of Both ITI & HCL the report has suggested that the Companies should be restructured in conjuction with a dilution of Public Sector Shareholding.

(c) The Government have already disinvested some of its shareholdings besides taking action to reconstitute the Boards ITI and HCL. Certain product diversification schemes as also steps for upgradation of technologies have been undertaken.

Work Force in Telecom Factory in Calcutta

876. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 per cent of total work-force to more or less are remaining idle in the Telecom Factory, Calcutta for want of jobs;

(b) whether the management could not foresee this kind of wastage nor it could